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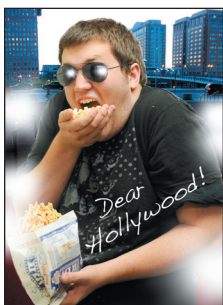
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# SIUC won't support lower drinking age

**Movement to make 18 legal develops support elsewhere**

**Sean McGahan**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC administrators want no part of a movement among university leaders to lower the legal drinking age to 18. The Amethyst Initiative, which had the support of 128 university and college presidents as of Monday, contends that having 21 as the legal drinking age encourages a culture of dangerous binge drinking.

Administrators at SIUC argue that simply lowering the age would not help the problem. SIU President Glenn Poshard said in a written statement the university would not join the initiative, but instead would work to provide students with "information on the damaging effects of underage binge drinking." "While ultimately the legislatures of the various states will decide this debate, our view is that the consequences of underage drinking are simply too significant to ignore," the statement said. Poshard did not return three phone messages left Friday and

Monday to comment further. Presidents from universities across the nation — including Ohio State, Duke, Butler, Dartmouth and Johns Hopkins — have said their support is designed to encourage a wide review of laws as they affect the safety of college students. The current law, passed in 1984, imposes a penalty of 10 percent of a state's federal highway appropriation on any state with a legal drinking age lower than 21. Part of the initiative argues that the law inhibits important debate about alcohol safety. Duke University President Richard Brodhead was one of the first leaders to sign. He does not see a lowered drinking age as the solution, but rather as a way to initiate a conversation, according to Duke's student newspaper, The Chronicle.

**Students voice mixed feelings on potential law change**

**Jeff Engelhardt**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Some university presidents and SIUC students disagree on the subject of alcohol. While the presidents hope more students can legally consume alcohol, some students think it would be a terrible idea. Presidents from universities such as Duke, Ohio State and Syracuse developed a plan called the Amethyst Initiative to start a debate about lowering the drinking age to 18 in hopes it would decrease binge drinking. Markitta Porter, a senior from Chicago studying civil engineering, said university presidents debating about

lowering the drinking age seems hypocritical. "They are always worried about the commotion drinking causes on campus and now they want to lower the drinking age?" Porter said. "They are just going to have more problems if that happens." The nightlife could take a turn for the worse too, Porter said. While most of the bars in Carbondale allow 19-year-olds to enter, Porter said allowing 18-year-olds to drink would make for a different atmosphere that could be unpleasant. Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs, said he hopes concerns such as Porter's don't become a reality.



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\* Numbers represent national average of college students based on the following surveys: American College Health Association National College Health Assessment Survey ('07), Core Institute Surveys (Aggregated from '97, '98, '04, '05, '06)

## USG leaders plan to reorganize after funding mishaps

**Government could handle students' cash differently this year**

**Christian Holt**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Undergraduate Student Government leaders said Monday they plan to restructure the organization after addition mistakes caused the misallocation of roughly \$75,000 in student fee money last year. USG President Chiquita Watts received copies of spring allocations from Student Development in June showing mathematical errors on almost all the funding bills the senate passed last year. All of the money USG would normally divide among up to 400 student groups was given to 19, and no cash was left in the budget for this year. The new plan would create two separate finance committees, she said. One would handle money allocated in the spring for fall events while the other

would handle events planned during the rest of the year. Undergraduate students pay the roughly \$80 student activity fee each year, and the money generated is given to USG. The government's seven-person finance committee makes recommendations about how to distribute the money among Registered Student Organizations and USG senate votes on the bills. After the president signs the bills, Student Development staff members process the funds. However, no administrators oversee the process other than to make sure the bills follow university guidelines. Watts and Hardy said they thought most of last year's mistakes resulted from a rushed finance committee. The committee pulls double-duty during the spring semester when it reviews spring allocations



**Undergraduate Student Government Vice President Vincent Hardy looks to USG President Chiquita Watts Monday during an interview with the DAILY EGYPTIAN.**  
JASON JOHNSON  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

and handles the regular bills, they said. "It would give them more time to actually go through these bills, see if they meet our funding guidelines and also see if the groups meet the criteria to get credit," Watts said. Hardy said the spring allocation committee was important because spring requests differ from the rest of the year.

"Spring allocations is such a different beast than regular allocations," he said. Demetrous White, last year's president, said he understood why Watts and Hardy might want to change the system, but the possibility of error would still exist. "Even a special committee can overlook things," he said. "The difference is that maybe they won't be so busy with

everything else." Some senators said they thought a separate committee would be helpful. Whitney Weller, a senator representing the College of Education and Human Services, worked as USG secretary last year. She said she thought the new leaders' plan was a good one.

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"You can't come in and request funding from students' pockets to put on an event and then not have your after-action report to tell how the

should pick up a petition in the USG office, she said.

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536-3311 ext. 268 or [cholt@siu.edu](mailto:cholt@siu.edu).*

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# Illinois insurance changes keep students covered

Jenn Lofton  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Recent changes to the Illinois health insurance plans have left students and parents with one less thing to worry about after graduation.

But some state lobbyists think this change will cause more harm than good.

Earlier this month, Gov. Rod Blagojevich used his amendatory veto power for a change to be made to House Bill 5285. The bill originally stated college students would be covered by their parents' health insurance until graduation or the age of 23.

With a 35-17 vote, the Senate approved the change Aug. 19, requiring all Illinois insurers to cover dependents until the age of 26, regardless of college enrollment. The bill takes effect Jan. 1.

Lynn Wells of Buffalo Grove said she was pleased when she found out about the change during a local news broadcast.

Wells said her daughter is a junior at SIUC and the new bill helps to ease her mind about how her daughter will pay for her own health care after graduation.

"I don't have to worry if she

doesn't get a job right away when she graduates, because she will still be covered if she was to get sick," Wells said.

Jay Shattuck, executive director of employment law for the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, said he did not think young adults would have a hard time finding cheap insurance coverage.

Shattuck said the changes that have been made are unnecessary and there are insurance plans available to young adults, which would cost a minimum of \$40 a month.

Jessica Veracini, a junior from Prophetstown studying animal science, said she has not really thought about who would be paying for her insurance after college, because she plans on earning a doctorate, leaving seven years of school still ahead.

But, she said, it should not be up to parents to take care of insurance after students graduate from college.

"You should be responsible for paying your own insurance because you are considered an adult when you graduate and that's your responsibility," Veracini said.

According to the governor's Web site, there are 1.4 million dependents between the ages of 19 and 25 and more than 300,000 who are uninsured in Illinois.

At SIUC alone, there are roughly 15,500 students insured by the university, said Jim Hunsaker, insurance administrator for SIUC.

Hunsaker said approximately 3,500 students apply for a \$243 refund of the student medical benefit care fee during the fall semester. Others have outside insurance as their primary coverage, but still use the university's as a secondary, he said.

Hunsaker said this change made to the bill would have no direct impact on the university increasing



**Channell Hale, a junior from Chicago studying psychology,** and Dominique Storey, a sophomore from Chicago studying business administration, fill out the student medical benefit care fee refund form Monday at the Student Health Center. A new Illinois law effective January 2009 allows students to be covered under their parents' insurance plans until the age of 26 instead of the previous age of 23.

or lowering the fee.

"Only ... a dramatic drop in enrollment for the plan or more people obtaining the refund would change it," Hunsaker said.

Although this will not affect the university now, Shattuck said insurance companies will most likely increase their rates because they will have to cover young adults an extra three years.

Shattuck said he is strongly against the bill because he thinks the changes made were extreme. He questioned if it is constitutional for the government to do something like this so quickly.

Shattuck said he thinks it was unfair to not hold any public hearings before a decision was made, and the law department of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce is consider-

ing a lawsuit.

"We believe that businesses should determine what their benefits are and they shouldn't be forced to cover these adults," Shattuck said.

Mary Ann Schultz, manager of media relations for Blue Cross Blue Shield, said the insurance company is one of the largest in the United States and covers most Illinois families.

Schultz said, with the changes to the bill, the company would see a 1.5 percent increase in membership. However, there will not be a dramatic increase in plan rates, she said.

For parents who work under large group employers, there will be a 1 percent increase and for small groups employers, which is two to 50 employees, there will be a 1 to 5 percent increase, depending on the number of employees in the group,

Schultz said.

"This will have a neutral impact on insurers," Schultz said. "People think it will be extreme, but it's not."

Daniel Wiggins, a senior from McLeansboro studying finance, said he is glad the age limit has increased for being under his parent's insurance plan because he is set to graduate soon.

Wiggins said there definitely needed to be health care support for recent college graduates, if only for an extra year.

"Nobody can find a job right out of college with good benefits," Wiggins said. "Now I don't have to worry about it."

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- + Not a member of the same family in which another child has been claimed.
- + 18 or older and has been unable to work or has other disability
- + Provides more than one-half of support of child

Source: Illinois Dept. of Employment Security  
Pablo Tobon ~ Daily Egyptian

# COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

More money pays for more services

Demarcus Hamilton  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

*Editor's Note: This is the seventh installment of an eight-part series detailing the major colleges for undergraduates. Each installment will attempt to provide a guide for new students in the college as well as existing students in other colleges.*

Danielle Smith's dreams always included college — specifically, SIU.

"I just always wanted to come to Southern," said Smith, a freshman from Chicago studying business management.

Smith also has aspirations of owning several businesses, including a restaurant and her own fashion line. She may need the extra money with the 15 percent surcharge for College of Business students that was approved in the spring.

Starting this semester, incoming students in the college pay an extra 15 percent to help pay for extra services that will be offered to the students.

"This surcharge will increase the level of assistance for students to be properly prepared for careers after graduation," said Dennis Cradit, the college's dean.

The college will invest the extra money toward retention-based programs, financial aid and expansion of



**Wei Zhang, a doctoral student from China studying finance,** speaks with a classmate before the lecture began Monday.

student career services, Cradit said. It will also give the director of minority programs a legitimate budget for the first time to invest toward tutoring, mentoring and expanding internship programs, he said.

Michael Haywood, director of

minority affairs, said it is not uncommon for good institutions to charge a differential tuition.

"Students are going to get every penny back as it relates to student services," Haywood said.

With freshman enrollment up

roughly 10 percent this year, Cradit said the surcharge does not seem to negatively affect enrollment.

"I think it's necessary if it's going to help students succeed in the long run," said Brock Wallace, a junior from Peoria studying marketing.

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS BREAKDOWN**

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**Popular professions:**  
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**Popular departments:**  
Management, marketing, accounting

**Location:**  
Rehn Hall is located next to Lawson Hall.

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Greg Lee was awarded the 2008 Alumni Achievement Award in May. He is currently the senior vice president of Motorola, Inc. Lee graduated from SIUC in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in marketing.

**Enrollment:**  
2008-2009: 1,513 undergraduates (gender breakdown not available)  
2007-2008: 1,574 (1,020 male, 554 female)  
2006-2007: 1,524 (982 male, 542 female)

**Student comments:**  
"Teachers are cool and sit down and help you with whatever your problems are, unlike high school teachers," Smith said.

**Sources:** Director of Minority Programs Michael Haywood, Dean of College of business Dennis Cradit, <http://www.cba.siu.edu/news/2008/02/1401.html>



# Dems seek peace in party as Obama convention opens

**David Espo**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — Democrats opened their national convention on Monday, seeking peace in the family as they pursue victory in the fall for Barack Obama and his historic quest for the White House.

An appearance by the ailing, aging Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts and a prime-time speech by Obama’s wife, Michelle, headlined the convention’s first night.

In excerpts released in advance, the would-be first lady said she and her husband were raised with solid American values: “that you work hard for what you want in life, that your word is your bond and you do what you say you’re going to do, that you treat people with dignity and respect, even if you don’t know them, and even if you don’t agree with them.”

The convention’s opening gavel fell with Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton still struggling to work out the choreography for

the formal roll call of the states that will make him — a 47-year-old senator bidding to become the first black president — the party nominee.

“There is no doubt in anyone’s mind that this is Barack Obama’s convention,” the former first lady told reporters. And yet, she said, some of her delegates “feel an obligation to the people who sent them here” and would vote for her.

As the delegates took their seats in the Pepsi Center, Obama campaigned in Iowa, the first in a string of swing states he is visiting en route to Colorado. He arranged to watch his wife’s speech on television later from Kansas City, then speak briefly to the convention via a huge TV screen.

Public opinion polls made the race with Republican John McCain a close one, unexpectedly so given a widespread desire for change in an era of economic

uncertainty, continuing conflict in Iraq and poor approval ratings for GOP President Bush.

Obama delivers his acceptance speech on Thursday at a football stadium, before a crowd likely to total 75,000 or more. Then he and Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, his vice presidential running mate, depart for the fall campaign.

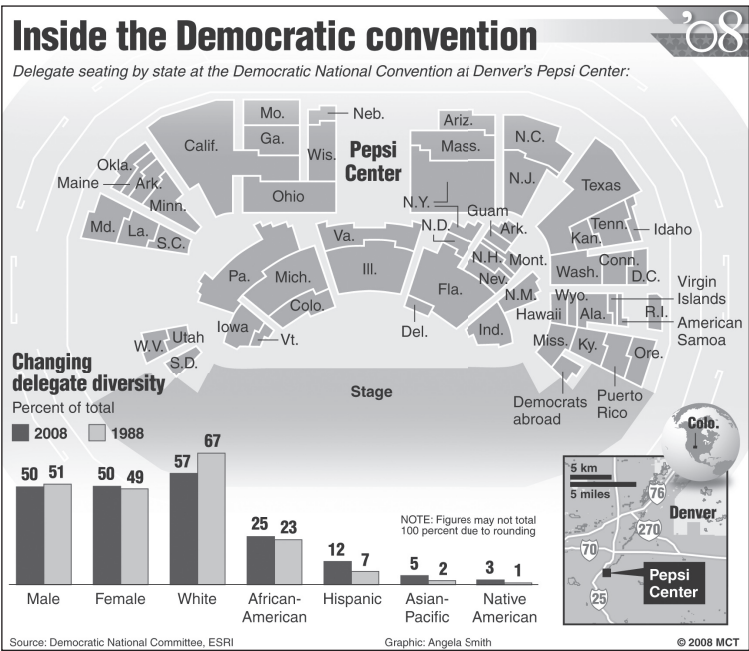
If the opening night’s convention program had a feel-good quality, not so the intensifying campaign outside the hall.

Obama shipped a new commercial that used humor to depict McCain as an extension of the Bush administration, the latest in a series of negative advertisements by both sides.

“Really can’t explain the price of gas, or what has happened to the middle class,” the announcer sings to the tune of Sam Cooke’s “Wonderful World.” With McCain and Bush

“There is no doubt in anyone’s mind that this is Barack Obama’s convention.”

— Hillary Clinton  
the former first lady



appearing together on the screen, the announcer says, “Do we really want four more years of the same old tune?”

While the White House is the biggest prize of the election year, prominent Democrats expressed

optimism in Associated Press interviews about major gains in the fall in races for the House and Senate.

Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., said 70 or more House seats are competitive, the majority of them currently in Republican hands.

# Deported Mexicans continue to suffer back home

**Julie Watson**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The Associated Press spent a week at the Tijuana gate watching busload after busload of deportees arrive, as the U.S. cracks down on illegal immigration. The following is the conclusion of Monday's five-day entry series.*

TIJUANA, Mexico —

**Wednesday morning**

The prisoners arrive at the gate chained together at 10:43 a.m., some still in gray prison pants and black slippers. Once released, they scramble for the pile of paper bags on the ground that contain their few belongings — a belt, diabetes medicine, a few coins.

A Mexican official checks off their names on a clipboard as they file into the country.

The men do not know what they will do next. Residents of the already violent city of Tijuana also wonder what will become of the ex-cons filling the city’s shelters.

Almost a third of the 278,000 people deported in 2007 were prisoners. Last year, the U.S. started speeding up the removal of prisoners and deported a record 95,000 after they served their sentences. The U.S. also has detained or deported 10,000 gang members since 2005.

Alejandro Fonseca was convicted on drug charges and deported last year. He now lives in Tijuana with his American wife and three U.S.-born children.

They have survived by eating at the Salvation Army shelter in a rough Tijuana neighborhood near the border. But his 13-year-old daughter has missed a year of school. She cannot go to school in Mexico because she does

not speak Spanish.

Fonseca says the new life has been hard on his family, but has also forced him to give up his drug habit.

“A lot of guys try to run the same game that they ran over there, but they end up falling on their face,” says Fonseca as he waits for dinner at the shelter.

Fonseca is searching for work in the impoverished city, but even filling out an application is difficult. Fonseca has spent 30 of his 31 years in the United States, so English is his main language.

“You see, we know Spanish, but we don’t know the exact words, and when we try to explain to somebody something, they’re like ‘huh?’” he says.

**Thursday morning**

Battling with crutches, Nestor Ortiz struggles to line up at the gate at 11:30 a.m. after being returned for the third time in 10 days.

Ortiz worked in the U.S. for a decade. Then a police officer pulled him over and found out he had no driver’s license, which he couldn’t get because he was illegal. The life he had created suddenly ended.

Desperate to be with his family again, he first walked across the desert in Arizona after paying a smuggler \$3,000. The next time, he went in a car driven by an American resident. And then he scaled a 20-foot-high corrugated metal wall marking the border between Tijuana and San Ysidro and jumped from it.

He winces each time he moves the throbbing leg he crushed. Both his feet are swollen.

Mexican immigration officials help the cabinet finisher from La Habra, Calif., into the back room of their office.

He still has not had a chance to take off his bracelet from Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego, where he woke

up this morning, three days after doctors put in a metal plate that runs from his hip to his ankle.

“What can I do? I don’t know anyone here,” says Ortiz, 39.

An ambulance pulls up to the Mexican Migration Institute’s office. Paramedics warn if he does not keep the swelling down, he risks losing his foot.

“They shouldn’t have deported you so soon after your surgery,” the paramedic tells him.

The divorced father phones his two sons in California.

“I’m not coming back,” he says, choked up as he talks to his 17-year-old son by phone from Tijuana’s Salvation Army shelter. “I can’t walk. Both my feet are in bad shape.”

He asks Juan to consider moving to his hometown of Tlalnepantla, on the edge of Mexico City.

The conversation turns tense. Juan has lived in the United States since he was 7 and doesn’t want to leave his friends.

“I think you should not be alone over there,” Ortiz says, sighing. “Finish high school and then you can come here. At least here you have your grandparents, your cousins. Over there, what do you have?”

Ortiz breathes in deeply, holds his brow and reels in his overwhelming grief.

He tells his other son, 23-year-old Nestor, to cancel his father’s gym membership, put the Chevrolet Suburban in his name and take Juan to live with him.

“Be good, son,” he says. “Keep working, be careful and keep your chin up.”

Around 9:30 p.m. Thursday, six women and a 7-year-old girl arrive at the gate. Migrant activists have repeatedly urged the United States not to deport women and children at night along the violent Mexican border.

Dominga Bejar, 37, stops after walking through the gate blasted by

floodlights. She needs a place to stay and is nervous about grabbing a taxi by herself.

“It’s really dangerous here,” she says. “I’m really scared to go outside.”

Blanca Villaseñor, who runs a Mexican border shelter, says women are continually dropped off after 9 p.m.

“They deport them at any hour, at 10 p.m., at midnight, and in some cases they wind up in the street or they sleep in the offices of Mexican immigration agents,” she says.

Julius Alatorre, an officer for the San Diego border control, says the policy is “to try our best not to bring women or juveniles after dark,” but sometimes the women want to go back immediately. The private security firm Wackenhut Corp. transports most of those returned to Mexico, he says. Wackenhut did not respond to requests for comment.

Bejar says she hasn’t seen her American-born 15-year-old son and 11-year-old daughter in Montclair, Calif., since she left them with her husband to attend her father’s funeral in January in Colima. Now she is determined to get back to Montclair, where she has lived for 16 years.

“I’m going to cross,” she says defiantly after being caught with a fake passport. “I don’t know how, but I’m going to make it.”

A volunteer with the Casa de Migrante standing at the gate offers her and several deported men a ride to the Tijuana shelter.

**Friday morning**

Ten-year-old Edgar from the Pacific coast state of Michoacan stands at the gate and stares ahead with big brown, panic-stricken eyes. Clutching a Sponge Bob Square Pants comic book — a gift from the Mexican consulate official — he tries to fight back tears. He wants to know where his mom is.

Edgar hasn’t seen her since she dropped him off the previous day at a female smuggler’s house in Tijuana. They spent the night practicing saying his fake name and answering other basic questions in English.

They got in line at the port of entry around 8 a.m. The smuggler told U.S. officials she was his mom and was taking him to school in San Ysidro. They showed a real visa with Edgar’s photo on it.

Edgar didn’t flinch and said his name perfectly: Manuel Flores. But then the official asked for his teacher’s name, and his grandmother’s. Edgar stammered. The official asked them to step aside, and then he detained them.

Maria Guadalupe Rios, coordinator of child protection services in Baja California, says parents no longer want to return to Mexico to visit their children for fear they will not be able to get back across the fortified border. So they are increasingly forcing their children to come live with them illegally in the United States.

If a child is returned to Mexico several times, child protection services takes the child into custody temporarily and talks to the family.

“It’s a humiliating experience,” she says. “It’s a noble thing that they want the family to be reunited, but they are exposing them to danger.”

Edgar says his younger siblings recently made it and are with his dad in California. His mom is waiting for him to get across before sneaking in herself. But he’s afraid to try again.

“I just want to go back (to Michoacan) with my mom,” he says after a social worker contacts his mother.

As Edgar peers from the window of a Mexican government trailer, guards from both countries shut the gate once again — silently closing the door on the American lives of one set of deportees before the next busload arrives.

WIRE REPORTS

## FLORIDA

### Remnants of Fay drench the South

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — The remnants of Tropical Storm Fay spread over a wide swath of the South on Monday, bringing heavy rain and wind from Georgia to Louisiana that many hoped would help land parched for months by drought conditions.

Floridians, meanwhile, continued to mop up floodwaters created by the storm that stuck around for a week and made a historic four landfalls.

## PAKISTAN

### Fragile ruling coalition in Pakistan collapses

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The ruling coalition that a week ago drove U.S. ally Pervez Musharraf from the presidency broke apart Monday, throwing Pakistan into political turmoil just as it faces an increasingly difficult fight against Islamic militants.

The collapse of the fragile alliance threw more power to Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of assassinated ex-leader Benazir Bhutto.

## WASHINGTON

### MBNA paid Biden son at critical time for bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — A son of Democratic vice presidential candidate Joe Biden was paid an undisclosed amount of money as a consultant by MBNA, the largest employer in Delaware, during the years the senator supported legislation that was promoted by the credit card industry and opposed by consumer groups.

Barack Obama’s presidential campaign said Biden helped forge a bipartisan compromise on the measure.

## WASHINGTON

### Government proposing ship speed limit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government on Monday recommended a speed limit for commercial ships along the Atlantic coast, where collisions with the endangered right whale threaten its existence.

The rule would set a speed limit of 11.5 miles per hour (10 knots) within 23 miles (20 nautical miles) of major mid-Atlantic ports and throughout the whale’s breeding and feeding areas.

## IRAQ

### Deadlines demandes for U.S. troops departure

BAGHDAD (AP) — Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said Monday no security agreement with the United States could be reached unless it included a “specific deadline” for the withdrawal of all American troops from Iraq.

Last week, U.S. and Iraqi officials said the two sides had agreed tentatively to a schedule which included a broad pullout of combat forces by the end of 2011.



# Seasoned law students advise first-years

**Barton Lorimor**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The first week of law school is like being thrown into the deep end of a swimming pool without knowing how to swim, according to Lucas Wenthe.

Wenthe, a third-year law student from Effingham, said he is one of several upperclassmen who chuckle to themselves when they see the overwhelmed look on the faces of first-year students as they begin their second week.

He and a group of other third-year students who sat in one of the Lesar Law Building's lounges between classes Monday said they can relate all too well with the feeling.

Fortunately for those stressed first-year students, upperclassmen such as Ryan Barke, a third-year law student from Jacksonville, advise new law students through the Academic Success Program.

Assistant Professor Suzanne Schmitz said the program was formed four years ago to combat first-year students not understanding terms and standard procedures mentioned in class. As a result, life seems improved for students compared to before.

This year's incoming class of 112 students was broken into groups of eight and paired with one of the 11 Taylor Mattis Fellows — the upper-classmen mentors. Barke, who leads three of those groups, said he encourages newcomers to take breaks from their studies to develop a social life. He said taking that time prevents students from burning out.

"If you come in your first year and the only thing you do is study law — it's not healthy," Barke said.

But despite the rumors and stereotypes, the first week is challenging but not as bad as expected, said first-year student Holly Grimes.



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**First year law students, Holly J. Grimes, left, from Rockford, Matt Avis, from Memphis, Tenn., and Amanda-Kay Reed, from St. Louis, Mo., all agreed that their first week of school felt like a constant state of confusion. 'It's like learning a completely new language and a new way of life,' Grimes said.**

Before coming to law school, Grimes said she was advised to warn her family and friends that she would not be very communicative for the next three years.

Luckily, she said, that hasn't been the case so far.

Schmitz said the first semester is not graded except for five comprehen-

sive final exams in December that take almost four hours to complete.

"That's quite scary if you have not looked at any (exam) examples in the past," she said.

Justin Volker, a first-year student from Clinton, said being in an Academic Success group has helped him with reading cases and summa-

rizing them before being questioned in class. Though Volker said he feels confident in his studies now, there will not be any hesitation if he needs to consult his group leader.

First-years were expected to have read a case and written a brief about it before classes began last week. Before Academic Success, that meant more

stress for students who had never worked with a law firm or otherwise been exposed to the daily tasks of a lawyer.

"Well, those days are over," Schmitz said.

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## MOVEMENT

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"We want to encourage an honest and constructive dialogue among educators, lawmakers, parents and students," Brodhead said, according to The Chronicle.

As a researcher for SIUC's Core Institute Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Studies, Edgardo Pimentel said he has seen this debate go on for years.

Pimentel said he has observed panels where the debate comes up numerous times, and the argument usually splits into two sides — those unwilling to look past the law and those in search of more radical options.

"Some of them just stop there and say, 'It's illegal. Why are we talking about this?' And then somebody else is saying, 'How can we ignore the fact that we have binge drinking and do nothing? We've got to do something, even if it is illegal,'" he said.

One university staff member said the problem is a cultural one that needs to be changed before the student even gets to college.

Chris Julian-Fralish, alcohol and other drug coordinator at the Wellness Center, said teenagers are encouraged to drink and consume other drugs as a ritual toward adulthood, which is why so many abuse alcohol at a young age.

"Unfortunately, alcohol and drug use has been manufactured into showing that as, 'OK,

now I'm an adult.' It ends up being a lie because I've never seen someone really drunk who I said, 'Yeah, you're an adult,'" Julian-Fralish said.

If the behavior is discussed and understood at a younger age, Julian-Fralish said, the tendency to over-indulge would be stamped out by the time a teenager reaches college and all the freedom that comes with it.

The idea of a lower drinking age has met with many critics, including two university presidents who had previously supported the initiative.

Kendall Blanchard, president of Georgia Southwestern State, said he misunderstood the intent of the initiative, and decided to remove his university from the movement, according to The New York Times.

"It was clear to me that they didn't see this as a dialogue; they saw this as some kind of effort on our part to turn our schools into party schools," Blanchard said, according to The New York Times.

With the way the law stands now, the radical option can be a lose-lose situation for the leaders, Pimentel said.

"If you endorse responsible drinking, you're condoning certain behavior that is illegal," he said. "A college president can't take that position — not if he wants to keep his job."

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## STUDENTS

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Dietz said the university would not support the push to lower the drinking age. He said doing so would be the easy way out.

"The problem of alcohol abuse can't be solved by lowering the age," Dietz said. "Alcohol abuse is a matter of education. We need to continue to look for ways to make students aware of the help we offer and how to be responsible."

The university already has programs in place to help those for whom alcohol abuse becomes a problem. Dietz said if a student is rushed to the hospital because of intoxication, the parents will be notified and the university can begin a joint effort to help the student.

But one student said the responsibility doesn't belong to the university — it belongs to the students.

Drew Rowland, an undecided freshman from Harrisburg, said if 18-year-olds can be trusted to enroll in the military and live on their own, they should have the option to drink alcohol.

"A lot of people drink because they are not allowed to," Rowland said. "Changing the law might not have a big effect, but an 18-year-old should be able to drink and be

accountable for what they do."

The drinking problem could be just as much perception as reality, according to information compiled from surveys issued by SIUC's Core Institute Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Studies.

According to one survey, 95 percent of students said they drank alcohol one time or fewer per week on average, but 77 percent of students said they believed their peers drank three times or more every week.

Alison Brandon, a freshman from Monticello studying accounting, said a law change would not affect her because she does not drink, but it could be beneficial to others.

Brandon said an example is the age requirement of 16 years old for a driver's license and the number of accidents decreases each year someone has a license.

She said the same could happen and alcohol related problems could decrease by the time someone turns 21.

"There are debates about legalizing marijuana so I don't see why this law couldn't actually happen," Brandon said. "Anything is possible."

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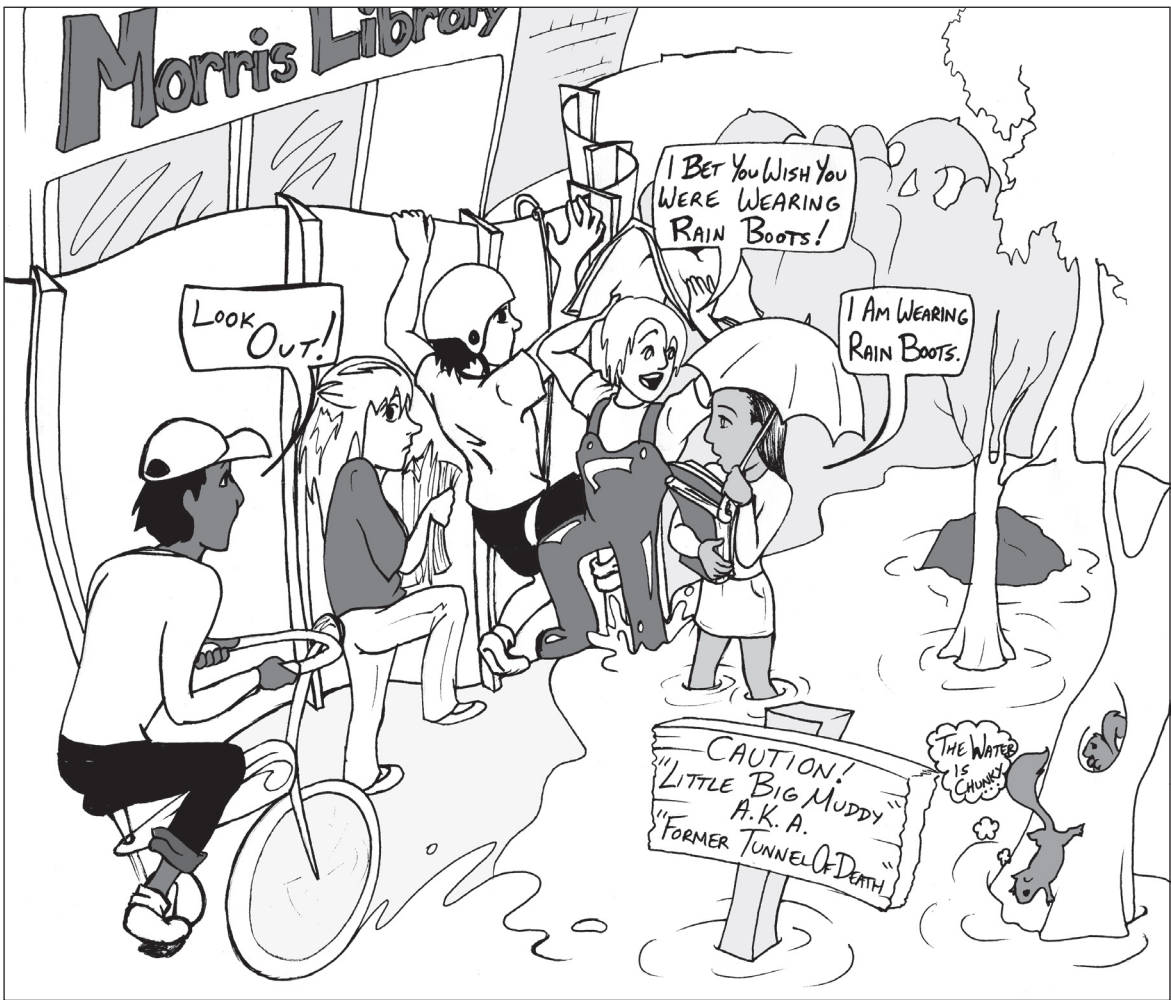
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THEIR WORD

# Obama’s pick creates GOP opportunity

Michael Smerconish  
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

In selecting his best possible running mate, Barack Obama has just handed John McCain a terrific opportunity.

Make no mistake: Sen. Joe Biden was a prudent pick. Biden has the seasoning and foreign-policy experience that Obama lacks.

He has overcome personal adversity to lead an impressive career. He’s both intelligent and telegenic. He’s scrupulous. And he has the common touch.

Perhaps most important is this: Biden is an asset in the bellwether Philadelphia suburbs, which will decide Pennsylvania and possibly the nation.

The man who rides Amtrak home to Delaware after a day of Senate business is sometimes referred to as Pennsylvania’s third senator, both for his continued proximity and his Scranton roots.

Selecting Biden was Obama’s play for Pennsylvania by way of the Philly ‘burbs, and it’s a good one.

But by making that play, Obama has given McCain the political cover he needed to respond with his best available pick: Tom Ridge.

Ridge has much to offer McCain. From public housing to Harvard, his narrative is ready for the history books: He’s a Vietnam veteran, a former U.S. representative and governor, and the first secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

He’s Central Casting handsome and loyal to McCain.

And to top things off, he is an abortion-rights advocate.

Yes, I am including that position as an attribute for the ticket — mainly because the very people McCain needs to reach are pro-choice.

McCain’s impressive performance Aug. 17 at the forum hosted by Rick Warren at the Saddleback Church earned him cred with the anti-abortion crowd.

He said all the right things that night, and the next morning Ridge made clear in an appearance with Chris Wallace on Fox News that he would reflect the president’s positions if selected.

They would run under an anti-abortion banner, but McCain’s selection of Ridge would be a sign to non-litmus-test voters that they, too, are welcome — in the same way the Democratic platform has welcomed anti-abortion voters.

The political middle is ripe for McCain

support. Consider this: In a poll released last week by NBC and the Wall Street Journal, a staggering 21 percent of women who had supported Hillary Rodham Clinton said they were supporting McCain.

Sure, they’re angry and want to see their candidate back on the ballot in 2012.

But I suspect they’re also responding to McCain’s efforts to recruit them.

McCain’s success in appealing to former Clinton supporters proves he can gain ground in the middle, but not by resorting to the usual Republican reliance on turning out the vote by hitting the hot-button issues such as opposition to gay rights, flag-burning or abortion.

This is not a cycle in which the GOP should seek to drive the vote in Lancaster County. Now is the time to win hearts and minds in Montgomery County, Pa.

I know that some pundits, including Rush Limbaugh, are saying McCain can ill afford to alienate the right by selecting an abortion-rights advocate as a running mate.

I disagree.

The suspicion of Obama among conservatives, epitomized by Jerome Corsi’s new book, “The Obama Nation,” is deep and immutable.

Those conservatives will come out to vote,

and neither maverick nor monsoon will stop them from doing so.

Some may be kicking and screaming, but they will be there Nov. 4.

They view the election as a referendum on Obama, and their minds are made up.

But I suspect they’re also responding to McCain’s efforts to recruit them.

Suburbanites, meanwhile, are the non-ideological, pragmatic determinists of this contest, according to the Metropolitan Institute at Virginia Tech.

And those of us in the Philadelphia suburbs will play a particular role.

Pennsylvania is again a swing state.

And the state will be swung according to what happens in Bucks, Chester, Montgomery and Delaware counties.

Those who sent Ed Rendell to Harrisburg will call this shot. Collectively they constitute the Philadelphia media market. They read The Inquirer, subsist on Action News, and get their headlines from KYW Newsradio.

All of which gets me back to Joe Biden.

We know him. We like him. Biden tilts Pennsylvania in Obama’s direction. Which is why McCain has just been handed an opportunity to do something I suspect he wanted to do all along: choose Ridge as his running mate.

Obama-Biden vs. McCain-Ridge. We can settle it all in a polling place in Paoli.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I fear they are about to do to him what they did to Gore.”

Donald Fowler  
a former national chairman of the Democratic National Committee on his concerns about the effects of Republican attack ads

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THE DUKE REPORT

Drink in the knowledge  
freshmen, you must learn

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The beginning of the semester is like a new car scent — it just feels fresh. This is my fifth year here and still this time of year feels like the first few days of kindergarten.

Some of you, though, are coming here for the first time. Let me formally say, welcome to the jungle.

College, I’ve been told, is “the greatest time of your life.” While I am still hoping that marriage, kids and seeing a worldwide awakening and commitment to social and environmental justice will top it, college is pretty sweet.

I’ve had a roller coaster of a time in my tenure at SIU, but I’ve learned a thing or two. So I present to new students an unapproved, unofficial guide to surviving the ‘dale. Imbibe the knowledge.

**School is the reason you are here.**

I’ve forgotten this many times and it will take constant reminding, but school is the reason you are here. While parties, freedom and relationships will lend distractions, you are here for an edumacation.

Go to class. It’s actually kind of fun.

Schedule yourself appropriately. If you are not a morning person for example, don’t take 8 a.m. or 9 a.m. classes. Once you sleep through one, you realize how much more appealing sleep can be — and sleeping in during college is a slippery slope. Seriously, if you need help, check out the Wellness Center (at their wonderful new facility).

Most people don’t figure out what they are going to major in until well into their college career. Don’t stress about it; college is the time to explore what you find intriguing. Be it archaeology, anthropology or astrophysics, take different classes and try new things.

**Party smart.**

Carbondale ain’t what it used to be. With the exception of the White Sox riot (and the Cubs one this year), this town has dwindled like a house party running out of booze.

Still, this is a party town. It’s a college town, and liquor consumed by college students is the economic artery of our city government.

Being 19 will get you in the bars, and yes, they generally check IDs.

What you need to know is that drinking tickets are as common here as the flu. The good news is that, generally, you can avoid those un-pleasantries and the serious conse-

quences attached.

Cops will ticket you, especially if you are fighting, urinating or just being a disruptive drunk. Although you can see many zombies walk back from the vomit district of College, Beveridge and Cherry streets, Carbondale’s finest are mostly like bears: Don’t provoke them or act like an idiot and they won’t bother you.

Furthermore, to keep from acting like an idiot, don’t drink that much. Say it again — don’t drink that much. If you are drinking, switch to water when you are getting wasted. Being that drunk has outcomes ranging from hangovers to destroying relationships to regrettable sexual encounters.

**Soak it up.**

There really is, as the late great Isaac Hayes said as Chef from South Park, “a time and place for everything.” You can leave the attachments of your old identity behind you and create amazing new ones. Introduce yourself with any name you want, join an international club — start a revolution.

Just whatever you do, enjoy yourself and grow.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open letter to classmates

DEAR EDITOR,

This is my third semester here at SIU and I’ve been wanting to get this off my chest since my first. So here goes...

Civilization requires that we follow a certain set of behaviors if we are to exist peacefully in that society. Most of these mores are set up so that the egotistical individual does not inconvenience the rest of the herd. Repercussions for ignoring these guidelines can range from rolled eyes to jail to being told by more astute individuals than yourself exactly what kind of jerk you are.

Many of us are here because we have been out in the real world long enough to realize that we are ignorant. That’s what drove me here, for instance. I am ignorant, but I am at least intelligent enough to realize that when someone who knows more than me (i.e. the professor) is speaking I should probably listen.

I can’t listen, however, when there is a constant white-noise, cheese-grater on my brain occurring two rows behind me! Would you run your mouth during a movie that you paid a \$7 ticket for? It would be rude.

Here’s a clue for you — some of us geeks are actually interested in what the physics professor has to say. Some of us even find it entertaining. I know you don’t...I can’t blame you, but I spent a pretty penny to be here.

My money.

So kindly control yourself for the one hour a day that you must sit behind me and shut up.

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SPRINGFIELD FROM 145

GOP plans to keep McCain support in state

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While covering the Illinois Republican Party’s convention in Decatur this summer, I got the feeling that the state GOP believes it can be victorious in the November presidential election.

That is a long shot at best. Local Rep. Mike Bost, a Carbondale Republican, said the Illinois GOP isn’t even planning to travel to states where their work could be more fruitful because no candidate stands on solid ground. Democrat Barack Obama’s campaign in Illinois has already implemented that strategy.

For the Republicans to win Illinois, they will have to steal the Democrat-heavy state from Obama, a young liberal from Chicago who is riding on larger than life status in his

home state.

The last time a presidential candidate lost his home state was in 2000 when Democrat Al Gore saw the electoral votes of Tennessee go to Republican George W. Bush.

History shows that presidential candidates generally have enough support to win at least their home states.

“Even Walter Mondale won Minnesota,” said Nathan Gentry, president of the SIU College Republicans. Mondale, a former Democratic U.S. senator from Minnesota, challenged an untouchable President Ronald Reagan in 1984. Reagan won his second-term by a landslide.

At Obama’s speech in front of the Old State Capitol in Springfield Saturday, a crowd of nearly 30,000 gathered to be the first to see their Senate voice stand with newly appointed running mate Joe Biden of Delaware where, nineteen months earlier, a crowd of equal size withstood single-digit temperatures to hear Obama’s bid for the presidency.

I doubt the Republicans can change historical trends to make Illinois a red state this year, when it’s the same group of Republicans who promoted Keyes in the 2004 Senate race and have failed to make Steve Sauerberg — Sen. Dick Durbin’s Republican challenger — a recognizable name.

What’s more is that the party members treat the state lines as if they were walls keeping them from leaving, and promote McCain where their word can be more valuable.

Meanwhile, a campus RSO campaigning for Obama has been traveling to Cape Girardeau, Mo., to assist a campaign office there. Jim Petre, chapter coordinator of the SIU Students for Barack Obama, said the group has been knocking on doors in the southeastern Missouri town.

According to David Valentine, an associate political science professor at University of Missouri, those Obama supporters are campaigning in Republican territory. But their idea of traveling to the area could serve

beneficial in the end, since Missouri is more of a battleground state.

“Missouri has supported the winning candidate in each election since 1904, except one,” Valentine said.

That one election was in 1956 when Dwight Eisenhower defeated Illinoisan Adlai Stevenson for the Oval Office, Valentine said.

Petre, a graduate student and long time Obama supporter, said the idea of venturing into other states rooted from a recommendation made by Obama’s state and national campaign directors in Chicago. Because of Obama’s security in the state, the campaign has advised supporters to take their message where it could better benefit their efforts.

Gentry said he has no plans for the College Republicans to head off the Obama supporters in Missouri, or any other bordering state.

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TEN YEAR ITCH

## Glengarry Glen Ross

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So you've just finished watching "John Tucker Must Die" for the third time in two days (since you've already seen everything on HBO), and you're thinking, "All I want is some real acting!"

Look no further folks. It is time to head down to Family Video, Blockbuster or break into the closed Hollywood Video (hoping they left a copy) and pick up "Glengarry Glen Ross."

David Mamet adapted his Tony Award-winning stage production of the same name into the 1992 film's screenplay.

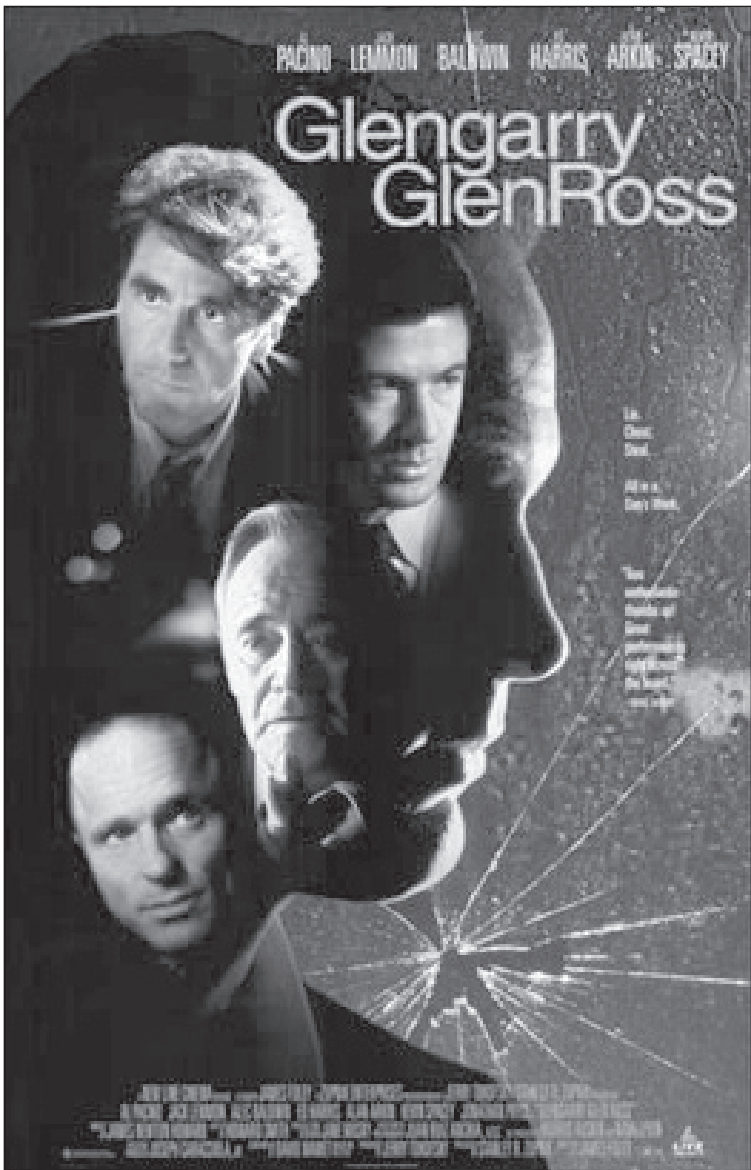
The film is stocked with superb actors: Al Pacino, Jack Lemmon, Ed Harris, Kevin Spacey and a blistering performance from a younger, leaner Alec Baldwin.

The film is set in a real estate office where Pacino, Lemmon, Harris and Alan Arkin are agents trying to one-up each other and make some big sales. Spacey plays the office's manager, who holds the leads to the big time sales.

Some of the leads go missing after the corporate office sends Baldwin to tell the office it is time to put up or shut up, and that at the end of that week only the two top sellers would hold onto their jobs.

Baldwin's speech at this point in the film is what most remember from the film — it's pure gold. Unfortunately, the language is a bit blue so I will not be sharing the dialogue, but let's just say he lets these old-timers know why and how he is the better salesman and man (in his eyes).

The film is not about the plot; it is about the stellar performances



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given. The film is certainly dialogue driven, as there are only a few different locations used in the film. Nothing blows up, no guns are

**Nothing blows up, no guns are shot, but there are wonderful actors giving some of their best dramatic performances.**

interesting business and not the most ideal backdrop for a major motion picture. However, each of the actors in this film encapsulates world-weariness or embraces a severely pompous attitude as each

of them attempts to justify the line of work they are in.

While these types of films are not for everyone, this is one that even your best friend whose favorite flick alternates between a Seagal movie and a Van Damme movie could find some redeeming quality in.

Even if you do not heed this advice and give the film a chance, at least promise to head to YouTube and watch Baldwin's speech. For this, I promise, you won't be disappointed.

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# Dear Hollywood: Das Reboot

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Recently in Tinseltown, studio executives have suddenly gotten the mindset that if something didn't work the first time, they simply need to reboot it and start fresh.

Cases in point: This summer we were treated (or rather had it forced on us — take your pick) to a revamp of "The Incredible Hulk" with Edward Norton and the second in a line of Batman films that skew far darker than the original series.

Now Warner Bros. has decided 2006's "Superman Returns" wasn't good enough to continue the series, and they are starting from scratch. Not to mention that television writer Rob Thomas is giving his canceled television series "Cupid" another go with Bobby Cannavale replacing Jeremy Piven as the lead.

"Cupid" and "Batman" get a pass here, because it's been proven that "Batman" is great, and if "Cupid" is half as good as the original series, it will be good, too. The other two franchises, however ... not so much.

Here's the thing: Superman and the Hulk just aren't interesting characters. We sympathize with Batman, because despite his heroics, he has personal demons to fight. What does the Hulk have, other than the fact that he gets big and green whenever he's mad?

The first film tried to be an art movie and gave the character background and demons, but when

the movie has giant killer poodles, it's hard to make that point. The Edward Norton version was better, but suffered from the same problem — a one-dimensional superhero fighting endless CGI explosions and bad guys.

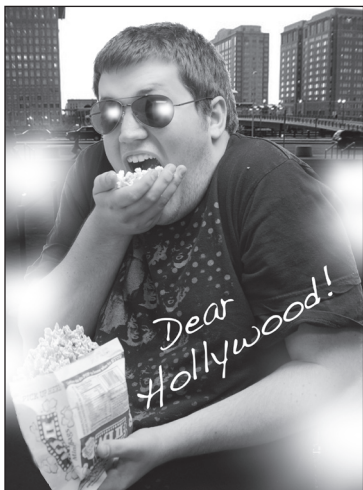
And Superman is indestructible, yet his enemies always manage to have Kryptonite (I'm probably revealing comic book ignorance here, but I've never cared for Superman, so that's that).

Warner Bros. also mentioned it was going for a much darker and grittier Superman with the new installment. This is a mistake. Superman may be boring in his goodness, but that is the nature of the character, and to change that would be like putting Kevin Spacey in the projects. Weren't Superman 3 and 4 enough to suggest the franchise is out of gas?

Neither the original "Hulk" movie nor "Superman Returns" were good, so why try to fix something that was broken in the first place? In my opinion, it's symptomatic of a bigger problem in Hollywood that is shown through all the remakes and all the parody films and all the stupid crap that gets forced down our gullet for \$8 a ticket.

Hollywood too often tries to package and repackage and send out things that worked in the hopes that the public won't notice and will continue to swallow the same packages.

This isn't always a bad thing (the remake of "Dawn of the Dead"



proved this, and there are certainly some good romantic comedies that float down the pike sometimes), but too often I go to the movies and feel like I'm watching something I've already seen.

The movies are sometimes enjoyable, but they offer no real sustenance to a filmgoer. They are fast food cheeseburgers to be consumed and forgotten, and, to quote a great movie, too often I feel like I'm wasting my life on silly entertainments ("The Producers").

Hollywood should stop trying to fix what's broken and start coming up with original ideas, because the original ideas will usually pay off better than the reboots and the remakes and the rehashes. "The Dark Knight" may be the best film of the year, but it's a shining beacon in a sea of darkness, where superheroes whose time has come and gone desperately claw toward the surface.

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**ACROSS**

1 Seek bargains

5 Woven net

9 Type of potato

14 Geometric solid

15 Nora's pooch

16 Room scheme

17 Regretful one

18 "Guitar Town" singer

20 Came up

22 Colorful mount

23 Tokyo, formerly

24 Carry out

28 MacDonald's refrain

29 Presses

33 Dweeb

35 Wear away

38 Plains dwelling

39 "The Raven" monogram

40 Sign found in 18A, 24A, 50A and 61A

42 Drop the ball

43 Astronomer

45 Ms. Fitzgerald

46 Elitist

47 First name in talk shows

48 Creates booties

50 Certain lineman

56 Health retreat

59 "Painting" painter

**DOWN**

1 Scrawny one

2 Maiden in Koranic paradise

3 Bogey

4 Famous meteor shower member

5 Graduate degs.

6 NYC winter hrs.

7 Cubic meter

8 Total confusion

9 Distinct personality

10 Narcs' grp.

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**By Linda C. Black**

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**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — **Today is a 5** — A difficult job tests your patience. Don't do it because somebody told you to. Do it for your family, and so you can go play with your friends.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — **Today is a 10** — Be ready for a spectacular breakthrough in your understanding. You find the puzzle piece or the clue that completes the picture. The mystery is solved.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** — **Today is a 6** — You're always buying things for your family, and you'll probably do that again. Get something nice for yourself while you're out there. You've done without long enough.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — **Today is an 8** — Continue your studies; you're doing just fine. You're not only getting smarter, you're gaining independence. Freedom's a beautiful thing.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — **Today is a 5** — Wrap up old business and collect on some debts. A little reminder phone call to those in arrears should be all it takes. Say it's best to keep agreements.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — **Today is a 9** — Friends look to you for advice, especially when scheduling. Think about their problems ahead of time, so you'll be ready. Devise a plan that works for you, too.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — **Today is a 6** — If you have a disagreement, don't bring it up right now. If somebody else brings it up, just smile. Avoid confrontation. The odds are good the other person will offer a compromise.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — **Today is a 9** — Travel conditions are good, especially if you're going with friends. If it's simply impossible for you to get away, start making plans. Projects begun now will turn out well.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — **Today is a 6** — Slow and easy does it. You can sell, but don't do much buying. Collect as much wealth as you can and postpone distribution. In this situation, more is better.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — **Today is a 9** — Your mate wants to be in charge, but you need to stay in the process. Your partner's decision looks right at first, but isn't quite. Be ready to make corrections, quickly and quietly.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — **Today is a 5** — You're about to find out what's what. Keep nosing around, asking questions and taking notes. Follow the money trail, and make an amazing discovery.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — **Today is a 9** — You're in the groove, or can be quickly if you move a few things around. You're in control, in a quiet, invisible way. That's just how you like it. Enjoy.

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# Demotion jars Bears' Grossman

**Andrew Seligman**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAKE FOREST — Rex Grossman vowed to be ready and expressed no regrets about re-signing with the Chicago Bears, but he also made one thing clear about his demotion:

"I'll never fully get over it," he said. "And I don't think anyone would expect me to."

Although he didn't lash out at coach Lovie Smith for naming Kyle Orton the starting quarterback last week, Grossman acknowledged he's having trouble accepting his new role. He was "a little surprised" by the announcement and still sees himself as a starter.

"But I had some time to digest it and I'll be ready to go," Grossman said Monday in his first public com-

ments since Smith announced his decision last week.

The Bears made it clear there were no guarantees when they re-signed Grossman for just one season while giving Orton a one-year extension through 2009. They announced the starting spot was up for grabs, and the two began competing for the job during minicamp in May and workouts in June.

The competition heated up during training camp, with the two splitting reps with the first team in practices and the first two preseason games. Smith declared Orton the winner on Monday and the fourth-year pro from Purdue eased some concerns against San Francisco on Thursday.

He threw for 147 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions while playing into the third quarter in the third preseason game — a big

improvement over the first two.

Grossman?

He struggled, going 1-for-4 with 6 yards, and got booed by the home crowd. Again.

"I haven't worried about that because I don't control that," Grossman said. "I feel like I've done a lot for this team over the last five years. I've had some unfortunate things happen to me and some bad games, but for the most part, I feel like I've been a pretty good contributor to this organization."

"We've won a lot of games when I've played. I'm proud of a lot of things I've done, and I'm not paying attention to anyone — or anything — that will try to tell me otherwise."

Limited by injuries early in his career, Grossman tested the fans' — and the organization's — patience with his inconsistent play.

## LINEBACKERS

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"What I see with our linebackers is a lot of good athletes," Lennon said. "It's good to see they can come at you at any time, they can run the field and they make big plays with big hits. Those are the type of guys that you want leading your defense and we are very fortunate to have them."

But while the starting four are sure to turn some heads for offensive coordinators around the league, those familiar with the

team will be quick to point out the impressive depth at the linebacker position as well.

Jemere Gainer could become a valuable commodity off the bench should the defense need a substitution or if one of the starting outside linebackers gets injured. Gainer, an outside linebacker on the depth chart, played in 14 games last season and recorded 2.5 sacks and had six tackles-for-a-loss.

At the outside position, Justin Thurston, Stephen Franklin and Connor James all add solid depth to an already talented bunch.

Thurston played in 28 games throughout his SIU career and has recorded 52 tackles.

"I'd say defensively, the depth at the linebacker corps is definitely a strength of ours and that is really what you need to be strong when you run the 3-4 defensive package is a lot of linebackers," Lennon said. "And I think the group we have right now allows us to do a lot of things."

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## CHANGE

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"I pretty much got it down," Young said about the transition. "The first couple of months was rough because we were learning new positions and techniques, but it's coming along."

Before he came to SIU, Young was productive at Pearl River Community College where he ranked among the team leaders in tackles (75) and sacks (7.5) as a defensive lineman. Young said the coaching staff did a good job in making the transition smooth, including spending a lot of time in the film room to help the Salukis excel in the new scheme.

"I think my speed should give the bigger guys on the O-line some trouble," Young said. "They're putting me in positions to make big

plays and I hope I can do that when the season starts."

Defensive coordinator Bubba Schweigert said he is pleased with the progress Cloud, Young and the rest of the defense has made since training camp as the team continues to adjust.

Schweigert said Cloud and Young have come a long way from spring camp.

"James Cloud's pass drops have improved greatly since the first day of camp and he's become a better pass defender for it," Schweigert said. "And Kendrick gets off the ball really well with a lot of intensity. It's different for him but he's picked it up well."

Junior linebacker Chauncey Mixon also expects to see more time in pass coverage in his role as the outside linebacker opposite of Cloud.

Mixon said an important adjustment that needed to be made was using the athleticism of the available athletes to fit the defense, especially the defensive line.

NFL teams that run the 3-4 such as the Pittsburgh Steelers and New England Patriots tend to use bigger nose tackles. The Patriots' Vince Wilfork and the Steelers' Casey Hampton, Pro Bowl players who currently sit atop their respective teams' depth chart, weigh in at 325 pounds apiece.

"You need some heavy guys to play that spot," Mixon said. "But right now, because we're lighter than usual, we'll use our speed to our advantage."

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## OLYMPICS

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When Krzyzewski's team put all their medals around him after they won — coaches don't get medals — it was the perfect symbol for the word team.

And that goes out to all the men's basketball players. In my opinion, these guys really cared about restoring the respect to USA basketball, and that means a lot to me.

But most of all, thank you to those who stopped that night at

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# Saluki Insider

Matt Ryan of the Atlanta Falcons, Aaron Rodgers of the Green Bay Packers and J.T. O'Sullivan of the 49ers are going into their first years as starting quarterbacks in the NFL. Who will have the greatest impact for his team?





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This question is a trap. While I don't think any of these players will make a significant impact for any of their teams, I do think Matt Ryan is the most poised to do so. If he had a better supporting cast I'd be more convinced. Is it possible to take Darren McFadden as the most likely quarterback to make an impact even though he'll be running the ball?

Don't count out O'Sullivan, who has the mad scientist Mike Martz running the 49ers offense. Rodgers will likely suffer since he is likely scarred for life because of the Brett Favre saga. Ryan has been tagged as the prospect who is the most NFL ready, which is the kiss of death.

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Can I take choice D, none of the above? I think Matt Ryan is one of the most overrated first round choices of a quarterback in NFL history, Aaron Rodgers is not going to be able to succeed replacing Brett Favre and the 49ers are just irrelevant, and that won't change with J.T. O'Sullivan.

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	Houston	8	5	8	32
	Real Salt Lake	7	8	6	27
	FC Dallas	6	7	8	26
	Colorado	7	11	3	24
	Los Angeles	6	9	6	24
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San Jose	5	9	7	22	

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	Detroit	16	11	0.5
	Indiana	12	14	4.0
	Washington	10	16	6.0
	Chicago	8	17	7.5
	Atlanta	3	24	13.5
	West	W	L	GB
	San Antonio	18	9	-
	Seattle	17	9	0.5
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FOOTBALL

# Linebackers lead Salukis' defense

Linebacker corps boasts two All-Americans

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Damian Sherman feels sorry for opposing offenses that line up against the SIU football team's defense this season.

He should know. Sherman, a fifth-year wide receiver for SIU, has seen the defensive unit shut down its offensive counterpart for a majority of training camp.

The SIU defense is deep, skilled, quick and experienced. And for one of the first times in a long time, it should be the center of attention for opponents' game plans.

"I really do feel sorry for anybody that wants to go up against our defense," Sherman said, moments after his offense was limited to a single touchdown at an SIU scrimmage. "They are that good."

But if defense is the team's strength, its linebacker corps is its primary muscle.

The group returns three of four starters from a season ago in Brandin Jordan, Chauncey Mixon and James Cloud.

The only non-starter expected to start, Ryan Patton, has impressed head coach Dale Lennon so much that he has named him the "quarterback" of the defense.

"He is a very smart and intelligent player," Lennon said. "He knows all the calls and the checks. We are probably going to rely on him to be responsible for a majority of the calls out there. He'll be an extremely valuable player in our scheme."

Oddly enough, if Lennon and company did not bring the new 3-4 defensive scheme to SIU, Patton's status may have been left to playing off the bench.

The 3-4 system uses four linebackers as opposed to three linebackers in the 4-3 system, which the Salukis used for seven

years under former coach Jerry Kill.

The 3-4 system also uses linebackers as its primary beneficiaries, which plays right into the hands of Lennon and his player personnel.

"It's a linebacker-friendly defense, there is no question about it," defensive coordinator Bubba Schweigert said. "Those guys will get a lot of the action with the guys up front taking a lot of the bullets and taking care of the blocking schemes, which will allow our linebackers to run."

The 3-4 system is broken into two types of linebackers: outside and inside linebackers.

The Salukis boast what should be two of the top outside linebackers in the Missouri Valley Football Conference in Cloud and Mixon, both pre-season All-Americans.

Both have a knack for making big plays as evident by their team leading 14.5 tackles-for-a-loss last season, which tied for second in the MVFC.

Mixon, a tackle machine, also led the team in tackles (118) and pass breakups (7) in 2007, while Cloud finished the season with the most sacks (8.5).

Outside linebackers are typically used to blitz more often and wreak havoc for opposing quarterbacks.

"I kind of made my name for getting sacks so I'm looking forward to blitzing the quarterback more," Cloud said. "(The 3-4) definitely fits my style of play because I like to be on the attack."

On the inside, Jordan and Patton are expected to step in and stuff the run.

Jordan, the largest of the quartet at 230 pounds, finished third on the team with tackles (97) in 2007 and earned the MVFC Newcomer of the Year award as a freshman.

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Outside linebacker • Chauncey Mixon



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## The Olympics changed my life



Beijing 2008



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Two weeks ago, I entered my senior year of college with a jaded view of the Olympics.

To put it bluntly, I hated them. The records, the stories, the national anthems, were all obnoxious in my mind.

But then I had a revelation, and I remember the exact moment I changed my mind.

I was at Hangar 9 and saw something I never thought would have happened. As U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps raced for yet another medal — I believe it was his fourth, but it's neither here nor there — the entire bar, or at least the patio section, stopped socializing and watched Phelps win.

I had never seen a sporting event take an audience, especially one so intoxicated, so abruptly. The only thing I could compare it to was the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks when the nation held its collective breath. But this time it was a joyous occasion that celebrated America and Olympic sport. It changed my life.

So I must apologize to those Olympic-faithful who tried to steer me the right way while I ignored them. But most of all, I must thank the athletes who made me remember why the Olympics is such an awesome event.

So...

Thank you, Michael Phelps.

You are more of a merman than Derek Zoolander. Your eight medals made the Olympics a must-watch.

Without you, our national media would probably be focusing on how the Americans finished with only the second highest gold count. But instead, you made the Olympics one of the most important moments in sport history.

And not to mention, you accomplished the impossible and made college kids stop drinking, even if it was for just a world record time of 1 minute, 42.96 seconds.

You single-handedly made me care about the Olympics.

Thank you, Shawn Johnson and Nastia Liukin.

You two landed seven medals (two gold, four silver and one bronze) in just five events. You took the gold-silver combo in the Women's Individual All-Around and Women's Balance Beam competitions and kept me glued to my TV wanting more.

And while I usually get a little weirded out by seeing 13-year-olds in tights on TV, you two made me watch.

Thank you, clean athletes.

For once, we got through an Olympics without hearing about drugs or allegations of drugs. I'm not saying it was completely clean, but for the most part, it was a blessing not to hear the words "drug controversy" spoken. Baseball should take note.

Thank you, Dara Torres.

Forty-one years old and still winning medals. Enough said.

Thank you, Usain Bolt.

With a name like Bolt, how can this guy not be the fastest man on the planet?

The Jamaican sprinter's world record 9.69 seconds mark in the Men's 100 meter competition was inspiring and one of the better stories in the games.

Now if we can only get an actual Jamaican bobsled team to win a medal.

Thank you, Mike Krzyzewski.

I may not be able to pronounce your name right, but I love the fact that you've brought the Olympic gold back to the States in men's basketball.

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FOOTBALL

# Dawgs learning new tricks

Cloud, Young among position changers

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As the SIU football team continues to adapt to new systems, formations and terminology from a new coaching staff, some players must learn double-time as they acclimate themselves to new positions.

The change to the 3-4 defense subtracts a defensive lineman from the line of scrimmage and replaces him with an outside linebacker, generally in charge of rushing the passer. Senior linebacker James Cloud could be the Saluki most affected as he is in the process of learning the new position.

Cloud said his new position in the defense allows him to perform aggressively in multiple facets of the defensive scheme.

"When I'm in an attack mode and in the right position, it forces me to make plays," he said. "All I have to do is go out there and make them."

Cloud excelled as an outside linebacker in Jerry Kill's 4-3 scheme, registering a team-best 8.5 sacks. He also recorded a season-best nine tackles in a 10-9 win against Western Illinois.

While Cloud is expected to be one of the



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**Kendrick Young, defensive end, runs a defensive drill with defensive line coach Eric Schmidt during team practice Monday.**

defensive playmakers as a pass rushing linebacker, senior teammate Kendrick Young is making an adjustment of his own.

Young will play a role as a pass-rushing defensive end, but instead of having three teammates on the line, he will only be joined a nose

tackle and a defensive end on his opposite side. He must get used to his new role as an outside force quickly, in order for the defensive line to be successful.

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